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Mechanical Fuel Reduction Project Continues Near Wuksachi Lodge

On Monday, August 14, the National Park Service (NPS) will continue work on a mechanical fuel reduction project in Sequoia National Park. The 22-acre project is located along the Generals Highway east of Wuksachi Lodge, the lodge housing area, and the park's sewer treatment plant. A few additional acres may be thinned in the vicinity of the Red Fir Maintenance Facility.

Mechanical fuel reduction projects are used to protect people and structures from unwanted wildland fires. The work will be done by a private contractor, Central Valley Forestry out of Exeter, California and should be completed in 4 to 5 days. The crew will thin small trees (eight inches or less in diameter) with chainsaws and pile the material for burning during the winter.

No traffic delays will occur from this project. To improve visitor experiences at nearby lodging facilities, crews will not use chainsaws until after 9:00 a.m.

www.nps.gov/seki/fire/fireinfo/current.htm